

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Work Session
in the Conference Room on the First Floor,
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

August 18, 2004

Presiding: Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D., President

Secretary: William L. Librera, Ed.D., Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Margaret F. Bartlett
Debra Casha
Maud Dahme
Kathleen A. Dietz
Anne S. Dillman
Josephine E. Figueras
John A. Griffith
Roberta Van Anda

ABSENT:

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Thelma Napoleon-Smith
Samuel J. Podietz
Edward M. Taylor

CONVENING

Arnold G. Hyndman, president, State Board of Education, convened the public meeting with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House press corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, August 18, 2004.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Core Curriculum Content Standards Update-Social Studies

Richard Ten Eyck, assistant commissioner, Division of Educational Programs and Assessment, and Jay Doolan, director, Office of Academic and Professional Standards, presented the revised social studies section of the Core Curriculum Content Standards including a description of the review process. Richard Ten Eyck stated that the Department has been engaged in productive discussions with K-12 educators, parents and representatives from higher education, business and industry to finalize the social studies standards. Additionally, feedback provided by Achieve, Inc. was considered and work from other states, cited as having exemplary social studies standards, was examined. He also stated that the social studies standards are rigorous and clear and will provide teachers with a strong foundation for the development of local curriculum and programs.

B. Highly Qualified Teachers Survey

Jay Doolan, director, Office of Academic and Career Standards, presented the results of the Highly Qualified Teacher Initiative. He stated that this process assisted the Department in focusing on the content area expertise of New Jersey's teachers. He also stated that New Jersey has a sizable number of teachers who meet the federal definition of a highly qualified teacher. However, some school districts and schools need to work with teachers, particularly at the middle level and in special education.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its August 18, 2004 public work session at 2:55 p.m.

William L. Librera, Ed.D., Commissioner
Secretary, NJ State Board of Education